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Family, friends remember a servant

RENEE LEWIS
Student reporter

Some said she had a smile that could only come from God.

Others said she had a commitment to her job in the Campus Ministry and International Campaigns office unmatched by anyone.

Others said Barby Smith was a lover of people.

"She was just an expression of love everywhere she went," senior Shaya Hancock, who worked in the office with Barby for two years, said.

"I didn't know a person could be so good. To have the heart that she had, and the love for God and others that she had — I don't know how that's possible."

Barby, who died Aug. 11 at the age of 66 after a two-year battle with cancer, worked along side her husband Dwight, campus minister, since the day they were married in 1958.

They had three children, Tanya, Chuck and Dirk.

Besides having a family together, they also worked together with churches in the Northeast for 22 years. Since 1981, the Smiths worked with the College church of Christ and its Campus Ministry and International Campaigns programs. For 14 of those years they traveled to Scotland together as campaign leaders.

"She was my teammate ever since we first got married," Dwight said. "She was my right arm. We never perceived that as being anything different, spectacular, unusual. ... We were a team."

Hancock said their marriage made a difference in how she has developed her own relationship values.

"They were just the most in-love couple I've ever seen," she said. "I hope someday I can have a marriage like that."

Junior Hunter Valls, the oldest of the Smiths' 10 grandchildren, agreed

and said his grandparents' desire to be together stamped marks of unselfishness on both Dwight and Barby's lives.

"The difference with them was that it was always Dwight and Barby; it was never Dwight or Barby," Valls said.

Although Dwight and Barby never understood the uniqueness of their relationship, those who knew the couple said their marriage was different.

"However, they had a pattern of marriage like marriage should be," Angela English, administrative assistant in the Campus Ministry office, said. "There was nobody else before the other except for God in their lives, and you could see that."

While Dwight is mourning the loss of his wife, he said it was God's plan for him to stay on here and continue God's work. He does plan to return to Scotland for mission work in the near future.

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JEFF MONTGOMERY/Harding Public Relations

Barby and Dwight Smith, campus ministers, take a stroll around campus last spring. Barby Smith, who died of cancer Aug. 11 at the age of 66, was remembered by her friends, family and colleagues for her dedication to the Lord and devotion to her family.

French campus to open in 2006

DANIEL RAMBERGER
Student reporter

School officials will soon offer students a new study abroad program traveling through Switzerland and France.

In 2006, the first group of students will start its journey in Geneva, Switzerland. From Switzerland, they will travel through France, making extended visits to Paris, Strasbourg, Toulouse and Corsica, a French island located in the Mediterranean Sea.

These students will be taking a bicycle tour of France, hiking in Corsica, and while in Paris, will be attending classes in the Louvre.

Dr. Jeff Hopper, dean of International Programs, said he is excited about the France program because of the ability to experience it in-depth.

"You can study the entire history of mankind from within its borders and we'll be able to get close to the people through various planned activities," Hopper said.

The Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies and Dr. Robert McCready, an associate professor of French, were responsible for the proposing the program, Hopper said.

"The proposal was well thought out and designed consistently with the goals of Harding in mind," he said. "It will be a great asset to all our students who are interested in studying French."

McCready, a resident of France for 17 years, will be the field director for the France program.

One different aspect of this program is the prerequisite of having beginning foreign language skills.

Although some of the other programs teach a foreign language while attending abroad, this will be the first that requires language skills prior to attending the program.

"It will be unique because it is the only program in a French-speaking country and we'll ask that everyone who goes take

at least one semester of French before they participate," Hopper said.

Harding University in France has currently set the count to a maximum of 25 students per semester.

The French language program currently includes 60 students.

Harding would like to make the program available often enough so that every student in the French language department will have an opportunity to attend the new campus.

International programs have been growing and expanding steadily over the past decade.

The French campus will add to the five other international programs currently operating in Italy, Greece, Australia, Chile, and England.

"The way we've been growing [the international programs], I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't initiate another new program, but there is nothing on the horizon at the moment," Hopper said. ■



Seniors' curfew policy altered

DENA POWER AND DEANN THOMAS
Student reporter and managing editor

Partly in response to suggestions students have made on exit surveys before graduation, the administration has changed the official curfew for seniors to midnight on weeknights and 1 a.m. on weekends.

However, the 416 seniors in residence halls will not receive any special events, a program that allows students a certain number of days when they can extend their curfew by one hour.

While freshmen, sophomores and juniors will still have curfew at 11 p.m. on weeknights and midnight on weekends, the administration granted five additional special events to freshmen and sophomores.

Freshmen now have 15 specials events, sophomores have 20 and juniors still have 30.

"Seniors have obviously been here the longest time," David Collins, assistant dean of students, said. "It is important to reward them for the level of responsibility they have demonstrated over the years."

Sophomore Heather Wilson said she does not begrudge the seniors having more time.

"I can see where [the administration is] coming from because being a senior is a special thing," Wilson said. "As far as Searcy night life goes, everything pretty much shuts down at 11 [anyway]."

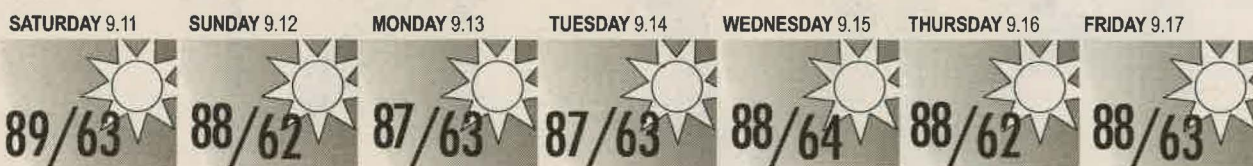
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EXTENDED CURFEW

- New senior curfew: midnight weekdays, 1 a.m. weekends
- No special events
- Freshmen, sophomores receive five additional special events



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SOURCE: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Study reveals statewide obesity risk

A study released Tuesday, Sept. 7, showed that almost 40 percent of Arkansas' students are either overweight or at risk for being overweight.

Dr. Joe Thompson, director of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, said the survey based on the body mass indexes of public school students across the state showed an epidemic spreading throughout the state.

"Many of our children and adolescents are developing health conditions now related to childhood obesity that will claim their lives as adults and rob our communities and our families of healthy productive citizens," Thompson said.

Clinton undergoes quadruple bypass

After checking himself into New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia complaining of chest pains and shortness of breath, former President Clinton underwent a successful quadruple bypass operation Monday, Sept. 6, to reduce 90 percent blockage in his arteries.

Dr. Craig R. Smith, head surgeon of the operation, said tests showed Clinton had been at high risk for a heart attack.

Doctors said they believe Clinton's recovery will be quick, allowing him to continue campaigning for Sen. John Kerry.

Shopper fools clerk with fake \$200 bill

A clerk for the Fashion Bug in Greensburg, Penn., accepted a fake \$200 bill from a shopper on Aug. 22.

The clerk failed to notice President Bush's picture on the bill, the serial number DUBYA4U2001, and the "signature" of Ronald Reagan and George Bush Sr.

Puppy shoots Pensacola man in wrist

A man attempting to shoot seven puppies ended up in the hospital himself when one of the animals caused the weapon to discharge, shooting him in the wrist.

Jerry Allen Bradford of Pensacola, Fla., had killed three puppies and was juggling two more in his hands with the gun when the puppy wriggled free and put its paw on the trigger.

Bradford was charged with felony animal cruelty, according to a report in USA Today.

He was being treated at a hospital Thursday, and the four surviving puppies were taken to the Escambia County Animal Control.

Wheelchair project to help nationwide

Prisoners in the Arkansas Department of Corrections at Tucker prison have agreed to work with a project called Wheels for the World to refurbish about 5,000 wheelchairs for those in need around the world next year.

The project is in conjunction with a Christian organization called Joni and Friends, based in California.

Prison administrators said in an article in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette the project keeps inmates busy and active in helping others.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Jackie Thrapp, Sophomore



Hometown: Irving, Texas

Major: advertising

Favorite CD: Steven Curtis Chapman's "Speechless"

Person least likely desired to be shipwrecked with: Janice from "Friends"

T-shirt or dress shirt: T-shirt

Favorite book: "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks

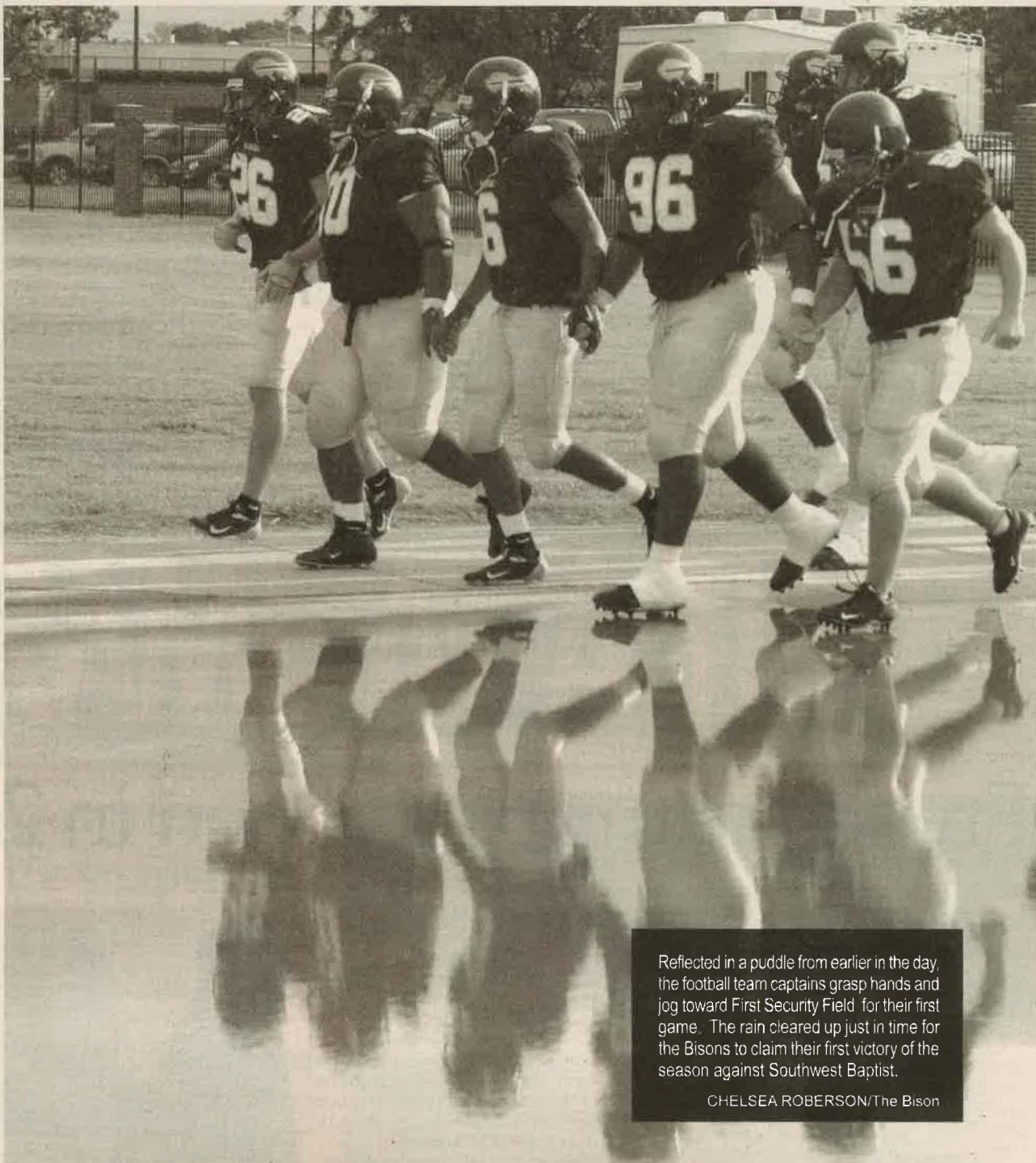
Which would you prefer, chocolate or ice cream? Ice cream

What is one interesting thing about you?: I got a fish hook stuck in my scalp last May.

Do you prefer the snow or the sun? Sun

How many times a day do you check your mail? Once

WEEKLY WINDOW



Reflected in a puddle from earlier in the day, the football team captains grasp hands and jog toward First Security Field for their first game. The rain cleared up just in time for the Bisons to claim their first victory of the season against Southwest Baptist.

CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

CAMPUS IN BRIEF

ITS announces promotion

Mike Chalenburg, former manager of management information systems, has been promoted to assistant vice president of Information Technology Services.

Keith Cronk, vice president for ITS, said in a e-mail that Chalenburg has proved himself to be "a man of integrity and spirituality."

"Mike has proved his leadership, management and IT abilities over many years, but especially so during the selection, implementation and now operation of Banner and the entire Phoenix Project," Cronk said in the e-mail.

Clubs sponsor gift tradition

Chi Kappa Rho and Tri Kappa social clubs are sponsoring the annual Rudolph to Romania service project this year.

The service project involves assembling gift boxes to send to underprivileged children who might not otherwise receive Christmas presents.

More details will be announced in chapel Sept. 16. Gift boxes will be due Sept. 23.

Anyone who would like more information should contact Amanda Hinojosa at ext. 4699 or e-mail amanda_hinojosa@hotmail.com.

Optimist Club to meet

An informational meeting for those interested in joining a student chapter of the Optimist Club will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the Liberty Room.

The club seeks to serve the youth in the Searcy community by sponsoring pee-wee football and cheerleading and raising scholarships for high school seniors who want to go to college.

For more information about the Optimist Club, call Rachel Wilson at 279-2789.

Tickets go on sale on-line

Those tired of waiting in long lines now have another way of buying tickets for the group, Vertical Horizon, who will be performing in the Benson Auditorium at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2.

The Campus Activities Board now has tickets available online at www.hardingtickets.com.

Seating reservations are available for viewing and a phone number is provided for those needing to request accessible seating.

Ticket prices are listed for Harding students and the general public. Please note that Harding University ID's will be checked when tickets are picked up.

COMING UP

- 9.10 Honors College picnic, 5:30
- 9.10 "Passion of the Christ," Benson, 8 p.m.
- 9.11 Football vs. Univ. Georgia, home, 6 p.m.
- 9.11 Campus devotional, Benson, 9 p.m.
- 9.11 Men's soccer vs. Dallas Baptist, Dallas, Texas, 3 p.m.
- 9.11 Women's soccer vs. Dallas Baptist, Dallas, Texas, 1 p.m.
- 9.12 Women's soccer vs. Texas Women's, Denton, Texas, 1 p.m.
- 9.12-13 Golf - OBU Invitational, Hot Springs, Ark.
- 9.14 Seminar for seniors, "Life After Harding" Heritage Auditorium, 5-7 p.m.
- 9.14 Men's open house, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 9.15 Student Association elections
- 9.16 Classical lyceum - Douglas Niedt, guitarist Administration Auditorium, 7 p.m., \$2
- 9.16 Women's soccer vs. Freed-Hardeman, home, 5 p.m.
- 9.16 Men's soccer vs. Freed-Hardeman, home, 7 p.m.
- 9.18 HUD Cup, ultimate frisbee tournament
- 9.18 Campus Activities Board's faculty/staff talent show, 8 p.m., Benson
- 9.21 American Studies Institute speaker, David Barton, 7:30 p.m., Benson

Drivers delight in parking changes

SARAH BROWN
Student reporter

In an effort to reduce the number of students parking illegally on campus, the cost for registering a vehicle on campus decreased from \$68 to \$25 this year.

Officials also raised the fine for keeping a car on campus without a permit to \$30 per violation.

"We've always had a problem with some students not registering their cars," President David Burks said.

While it is difficult this early in the semester to tell if students are keeping cars on campus without permits, Chief of Security Craig Russell said many students registered their cars early this year. Some students even registered before returning to campus.

One of those who registered early,

junior Emily Aylott, said she was relieved when she discovered the permit's price had gone down.

"I spent \$419 on textbooks this semester, and having the lower price of registering my vehicle helps me buy one or two more books," she said.

In addition to being cheaper, parking should also be more available this year, administrators said. A parking lot was added this summer across from the science building on Market Street, and parking spots next to the science building that were closed for construction have been reopened.

With the added spots, Russell said the Harding campus has several hundred more parking spaces than registered vehicles. "Our parking situation compared to the vast majority of other universities is very, very good," Russell said.

Despite the adequate number of spaces, Russell said problems often arise because empty spaces are not always in the most convenient places. He said students often do not want to walk from lots at the Ganus Athletic Center or the West Married apartments.

Harding also faces a unique parking problem when students converge at 9 a.m. for chapel.

Russell said the new Market Street lot should help with this daily traffic glut because it is close enough to the Benson Auditorium for people to walk.

While chapel presents a traffic problem in the morning, it can be difficult to find parking at other times also, Aylott said.

"When it gets close to curfew time, it's a madhouse," she said. ■

Letter causes curfew confusion

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Because seniors still have to be in by special event time, resident assistants have not had to deal with any extra duties, according to senior Amanda Terry, a RA in Shores Hall.

"Everything has pretty much been the same," Terry said. "We pull the seniors' cards just like if they were taking special events. Those of us [RAs] who are seniors don't get [the] extra hour because we have to check rooms at 11 p.m., but it doesn't bother me."

The resident life coordinators have not had extra duties either, according to Linda Cox, RLC in Cone Hall. Cox said she is pleased with the curfew change.

"By the time students are

seniors, they have earned their independence," Cox said. "I think it is definitely a good idea."

When the university announced the curfew change in a letter to students this summer, it caused some confusion among seniors.

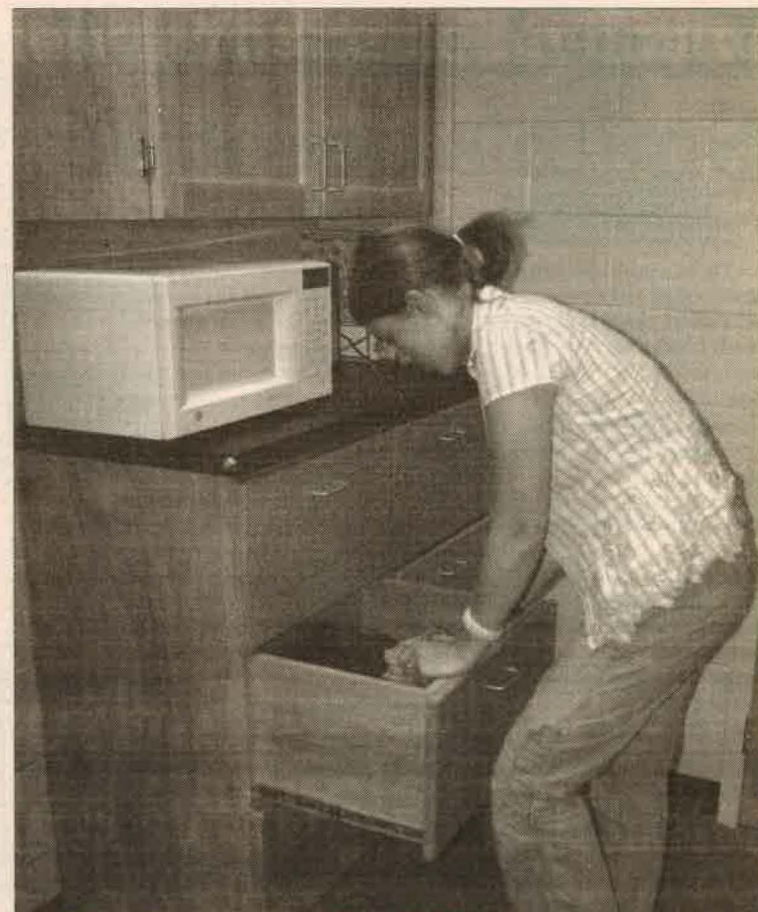
Because the letter simply stated that seniors would have extended curfew without mentioning the fact that seniors would no longer be given special events, seniors Rebekah Mohundro and Lindsay Fox arrived on campus thinking this meant that they would have an additional hour and still have special events.

"I thought that if I wanted to go see a 10:30 movie [on a weekend] at the Rave [in Little Rock],

I wouldn't have to worry about being back by 1:15 anymore," Mohundro said. "It wasn't until we got here and my RA explained it that I realized that it was really more like having unlimited special events."

Collins said the administration debated about what terms to use when they changed the policy since people could look at the change from two different angles: as seniors having unlimited special events or having an extended curfew with no special events.

"We discussed it, and had to choose one direction," Collins said. "The discussion was reopened when students received a letter regarding the change. Some students understood the change to involve special events in addition to the extended curfew. We had to answer several questions early on, and there was some confusion." ■



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Sophomore Laura Jernigan takes advantage of the new wooden cupboards in Kendall Hall. The university renovated the dorm this summer.

Kendall's makeover impresses residents

REBECCA STEFFAN
Student reporter

While former tenants have been sighing in jealousy, younger students are taking full advantage of the improvements made to Kendall Hall this summer.

Renovations began May 16 and should be completed in a few weeks, according to Donna Strachan, Kendall residence life coordinator. Strachan said Kendall, at one time one of the least popular residence halls, now has a waiting list of about 34 girls.

"Girls who lived in the dorm last year come by and are jealous of the new renovations," Strachan said.

Cone Construction of Little Rock was responsible for the renovations, which included replacing metal cabinetry and chipped paint with wooden closets, cupboards and a fresh coat of beige paint.

The renovations also included replacing the metal doors with

wooden doors equipped with soundproof panels.

In addition to other refurbishments, the university installed a new air-conditioning system, and units to rid the air of mold and humidity will be running shortly.

Strachan said most Kendall girls have given positive feedback. Senior Angela Landon, resident assistant in Kendall, said she is pleased with the lobby and its new furnishings.

"I like how comfy it looks," she said. "The new carpet is nice and you can actually get an umbrella through the front door."

A new windowed entry-way is in final stages of construction.

"There were a lot of last minute things thrown together to get ready on time, but there have been few complaints," Strachan said.

The renovation of Graduate Hall is scheduled to begin next summer as part of the university's endeavor to renovate all the dorms on a rotating basis. ■

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Harding University is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit Nov. 15-17, 2004, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Harding has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission since 1954. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University:

Public Comment on Harding University
Higher Learning Commission
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by October 1, 2004.

Loved ones recall Smith's devotion

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"[I'm made] aware that I have lost something for a short while that was really important to me," Dwight said. "But God has other plans for me; maybe it's to meet other people that I haven't met yet."

Leaving a legacy

Those who knew Barby best while she was alive said her legacy will leave a lasting signature on those she came in contact with.

"Going through this whole thing with her sickness and death was hard, but at the same time it was the most beautiful thing I ever witnessed," Valls said. "[I saw] the legacy she left of her spirituality."

Valls said his grandmother was one of a kind.

"I have never witnessed the same type of legacy that she left with her family and with thousands of people all over the world," he said.

Remembering his childhood days, Valls said he recalls spending the night at Dwight and Barby's house every now and then and waking up early to soak in Barby's committed habit of reading the Bible.

"Every morning of her life, as far as I know, she would get up at 5 a.m., and she would read her Bible for a long time," Valls said. "She wouldn't just read though. She would study and pour over it and pray. Sometimes if you got up early enough, you could catch her doing it."

Those study habits paid off because almost every conversation she had centered on God's word, Hancock said.

"You knew Jesus was in her," Hancock said. "Every conversation she had included God. It wasn't like she was trying to; that's all that consumed her."

"That's all that was in her life — her relationship with Jesus Christ. When something is inside of you like that, you don't have to think about it. That's just how she was."

English said Barby had those conversations about Jesus with people were for one reason.

"Barby didn't see people," she said. "Barby saw souls."

Going home

Throughout her illness, English said Barby was always ready for the end.

"Around May when she started having more bad days than good, she sat down with me and said, 'I just wish I could go ahead and go home and let Dwight go to Scotland this summer because I'm ready,'" English said. "Barby said, 'this is what I've worked for my whole life.'"

English said Barby took advantage of knowing her time was going to be up soon.

"She lived such an incredible, dedicated, humble servant life before, but she just thought of [her illness] as an advantage,"

English said. "Barby said, 'I'm going to live the best I can and reach as many people and love on as many people as I can with what time I have left.' And that's what she did every day."

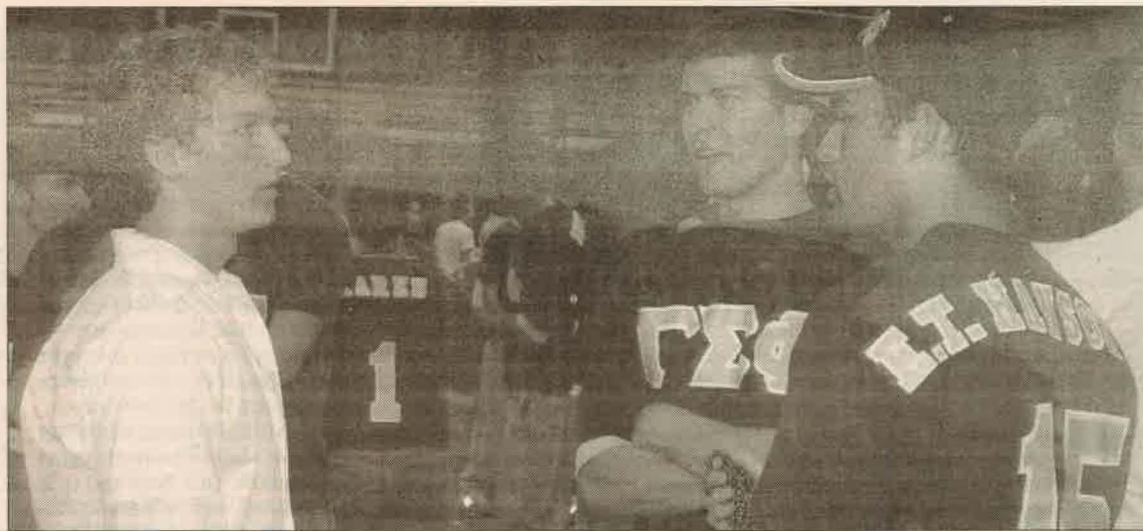
Although the loss of Barby was painful for her friends and family, Valls said the victory was his grandmother's.

"I'm going to miss her because she was the greatest grandmother anyone could have ever had, but at the same time I couldn't be happier because she's done," Valls said. "She has finished her work."

EDITOR'S NOTE: For a personal reflection of the writer's experience recording this story, turn to page eight.

"You knew Jesus was in [Barby Smith]. Every conversation she had included God. It wasn't like she was trying to; that's all that consumed her."

SHAYA HANCOCK, SENIOR



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Freshman Josh Mayno talks with sophomore Steve Harbron and junior Thomas Hanson about Gamma Sigma Phi social club at open house Aug. 31. Open house was divided into two sessions this semester, one for small and medium clubs and another for large clubs.

Social club induction process altered

MARANDA ABERCROMBIE
Student reporter

In an effort to make the social club induction process more efficient and as fair as possible, the office of student life is implementing changes that a committee proposed to the administration last spring.

Dustin Vyders, student life coordinator, said the administration asked a committee of students, club sponsors and other faculty and staff to review the social club process and make recommendations for improvement.

One of those changes was splitting open house into separate sessions. Instead of all clubs meeting at the same time, small and medium clubs hosted open house Aug. 31, and large clubs hosted open house Sept. 2.

"The goal of separate open house times was to allow every club equal opportunity to meet people," Vyders said.

With fewer clubs present at each open house and the same amount of time, future inductees and club members had more time to get to

know each other.

"Being able to attend different open houses gave me the chance to meet people I might have missed before," freshman Rachel Wallace said. "It helped it seem not so overwhelming."

The second stage of the induction process, which began this week, revealed more changes in the process.

The office of student life scheduled clubs' mixers so that participants could have a chance to visit all of their options without missing other club's mixers.

Also, clubs will only host two rounds of mixers instead of three, but each mixer will last two and a half hours instead of an hour or an hour and a half.

Because the mixers were longer, freshman Cole Coubrough said he thinks he learned more about the club that hosted the first mixer he attended.

"I thought we were just playing dodgeball, but we had a devotional and [film about the club] and every-

thing," Coubrough said. "I didn't expect it be long, but it was. I liked that."

However, Sain Ashcraft, president of Delta Chi, said people seemed to think the mixers lasted too long and were ready to go before the time was up.

"It seems like two and a half hours is a lot of time to fill," Ashcraft said. "Even [club] members are leaving early. It's hard to make small talk for that long."

Besides the open house and mixer schedules, the voting process will also be different this year. After the visitation period, students will go online and chose which clubs they desire from the list of ones they visited.

Prospective members will have the options of ranking all the clubs they visited, which would guarantee them a bid, or voting for only the one club they want and possibly not receiving a bid.

More information can be found in the Social Club Handbook, found in the Student Services office or at www.harding.edu.



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One student becomes a living history lesson

JENN BONZAGNI
Student reporter

The alarm sounds at 8 a.m., and Rachel rolls out of bed. She prepares for her day by dressing as normal – first putting on her long white shift followed by a petticoat, and a jacket. She tucks her hair up under a handkerchief and grabs her straw hat as she walks out the door.

Her tasks today in the field involve cutting and harvesting oats, sowing seeds, hoeing, weeding, and tending to the livestock.

She is anxious to begin her day at the home of the Washington's.

While most students spent their summer working or taking classes, junior Rachel Hudgens donned 18th-century garb and experienced the reality of life when America was young.

Hudgens obtained an internship at Mount Vernon, home of one of our most noted forefathers and first president of the United States, George Washington. She served as a costumed interpreter and gave tours and demonstrations daily.

Hudgens, a history major, found out about the position a year ago on a trip to Washington, D.C.

After seeing someone in costume at Mt. Vernon, Hudgens inquired about the process of obtaining that type of job and was directed to a Web site with information about their internship program.

Hudgens applied to nine other places with no expectations of hearing back from the job in

A city girl from College Station, Texas, Hudgens moved across the country to live the colonial life for three months.

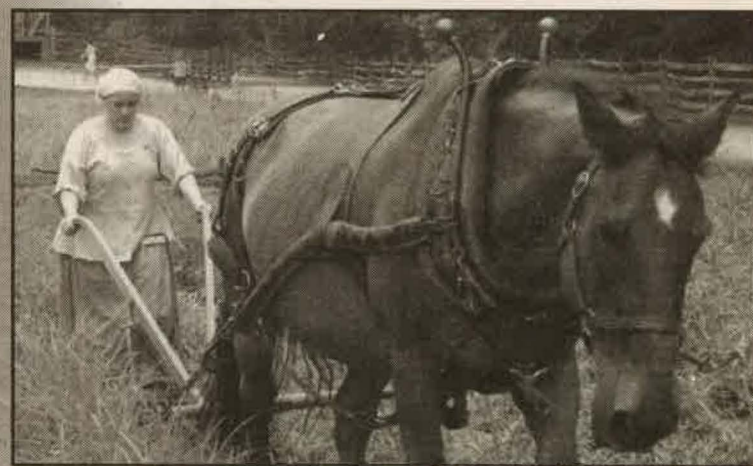


PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHEL HUDGENS

Junior Rachel Hudgens harrows a buckwheat field. It was her responsibility to make sure there were no weeds in between the rows of crops.

Washington, D.C. However, she was contacted and, after a phone interview, was offered what she refers to as her "opportunity of a lifetime."

This was a completely new experience for Hudgens.

A city girl from College Station, Texas, Hudgens moved across the country to live the colonial life for three months.

The jobs were divided up daily between six interns. They worked in the

'hands-on' history tent where children could help build buckets and spin wool; they greeted guests at the fires; they took guests on a tour of the farm and explained its purpose; they labored in the field and they worked in the 16-sided interpreting barn where workers demonstrated treading,

the separation of grain from the stalk.

During these months, Hudgens also learned everything from thinning carrots to processing flax, spinning the wool to harrowing a field.

"I enjoyed it all, but my favorite skill was wood working," Hudgens said.

The most intimidating aspect of the whole experience was working with the other interns, Hudgens said. Hudgens was the only Christian so she said she faced situations not often found at Harding.

However, she adjusted, grew and discovered a new part of independence.

Her most memorable moment of the summer was not of the farm but when she waited in Washington, D.C., from 11 p.m. until 4:30 a.m. one night for a thirty-second viewing of the body of former President Ronald Reagan.

Although the casket was closed, Hudgens said she counts the brief time as completely worth it.

While living in Washington, D.C., Hudgens toured the city and historic sites including Monticello, Montpelier, the Washington Monument and the World War II Memorial.

With so many memories etched in her mind, Hudgens said the internship affirmed her chosen career path.

She said she realized that there are many jobs available for people who are passionate about history.

"A lot of times historic figures are idolized," Hudgens said. "Mount Vernon shows the reality of Washington. I learned so much about agriculture and public history and I saw all sides. I became a part of the Mount Vernon family." ■



PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHEL HUDGENS

Junior Rachel Hudgens works on a spring pole lathe, a woodworking instrument used to get a uniformed cut around a circular piece of wood. Chair legs and table legs are designed on a lathe.

the BEST part of WAKING UP

Coffeehouse boasts menu for all ages

JACLYN ROBERTS
Student reporter

When other coffee shops just aren't fixing that intense longing for the rich, dark taste of coffee, a "Ditzy Blonde" might just hit the spot. This designer latte is just one on a long list offered at Thanks A Latte, the new coffee house on Main Street.

Only three months old and a mile away from campus, Thanks A Latte provides the common coffee drinker a whole new experience with espresso.

A few other interesting drinks on the menu are "Millie Vanillie," made with espresso, cinnamon and vanilla; "Red Head," a raspberry-infused concoction; and "Dirty Blonde," with chocolate and Irish cream flavoring.

Customers can enjoy service that begins at 6 a.m. and lasts until midnight, seven days a week. Rusty Nokes, owner, said he is proud to be open late.

"I wanted to create an entertaining place for people to come and have a night life," Nokes said.

Eight couches surround the large coffee tables, letting customers relax while they sip from one of the shop's eclectic mugs.

They can also enjoy the mu-

sic playing from the jukebox, the small boom box in the middle of the room, or as performed by one of the live entertainers who appear throughout the weekend.

A drive-up window is available for those who can't find the time to sit and drink, and delivery is available for large orders.

This new haven not only offers convenience, but wireless Internet access, a play room for children and an upstairs music venue.

Homemade desserts decorate the deli-style case. Dishes such as soups, salads and sandwiches are also served and popular among afternoon guests.

Freshman Katie Owens ordered a peanut butter and chocolate milkshake after viewing the menu of Italian cream sodas, iced coffees, blenders, flavored coffee brews and espresso creations.

"The atmosphere was comfortable and I thought they had a great array of drink choices," Owens said.

Freshman CJ Rivenbark said he thought the grande vanilla shake was incredible.

"It's quite possibly the best one I've ever had," Rivenbark said.

Thanks A Latte not only presents an atmosphere for college students but can provide a pleasant experience for groups of any age, even parents of young children.

"I hope young people as well as adults can find it a place to

enjoy themselves," Nokes said. "I've been happy with the success so far."

Some of that success might be partially due to the Melting Pot, Nokes' sweetest, most popular drink made up of espresso, steamed milk, chocolate, Irish cream, caramel and whipped cream.

The extravagant menu may be overwhelming at first glance, but that could be an excuse to make an encore visit for future enjoyment.



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Senior Amber Brown thanks Rusty Nokes, Thanks A Latte's owner, as he hands her freshly made coffee. A high-top counter with coffee beans under a glass pane separates the workspace and allows customers to see how their drinks are made.



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

A hand-painted coffee cup greets customers as they come in the door to Thanks A Latte. Many of the decorations, including the menu board, were created by hand, adding a personal feel to each visit.

Vertical Horizon slated to perform Oct. 2

KATIE COZZENS
Student reporter

It has been a while since the world has heard from the band Vertical Horizon.

The rock/pop group, formed in 1991 by Matt Scannell and Keith Kane, released its first album, "There and Back Again," in 1992. In its early days, Vertical Horizon had a very acoustic sound, but as the band grew (adding members Ed Toth and Sean Hurley), its sound matured into a vibrant blend of rock and pop.

Their 1999 album release, "Everything You Want," went double platinum by August 2001. This album spawned hits such as

the title track, "You're A God" and "We Are."

Despite "Everything You Want's" success, Vertical Horizon did not release another album until last year. This album, titled "Go," carries on in much the same style as "Everything You Want," combining strong rhythms with thoughtful lyrics. However, unlike "Everything You Want," "Go" has a slight edge to it, with pounding choruses that seem made to be sung at the top of your voice.

This album features some great musical talent, from haunting electric guitar melodies to vocal harmonies that are pleasant without

giving you a sugar headache. One interesting characteristic of Vertical Horizon is their ability to combine melancholy and brooding lyrics with a confident, driving rhythm to form creative hits that make you think about what you are listening to.

The tracks on "Go" combine the easy listening of pop with rock's edge and resonance. The problem is that all of these tracks start to sound the same after awhile. What may be profound lyrics to some are meaningless abstractions to others, which can make the album seem to be an almost endless cycle of bereft boyfriends with electric

guitars. Similarly, the edge that helps distinguish "Go" from "Everything You Want" can also be perceived as simply a depressing cloud that settles over most of the tracks, never to lift.

Any hard-core rock fan, or any hard-core pop fan for that matter, would be disappointed in this album. There simply isn't enough of one or the other to satisfy. Having said this, the fact remains that Vertical Horizon is a capable and gifted band of musicians, and "Go" is a great album for those of us who like a little electric guitar and a few grief-laden songs to make us feel racy.

Vertical Horizon will perform in the Benson Auditorium at 9 p.m. Oct. 27.

★★★★ 4/4

■ See Vertical Horizon in the Benson Auditorium Oct. 2 at 9 p.m.

■ Tickets are on sale today at www.hardingtickets.com.

■ Tickets are \$10 for students or free with the Pass.



'Hero' swings into America

STEVEN PROFAIZER
Editor-in-chief

"Hero," China's highest-grossing domestic film, has finally landed in America, nearly two years after its initial release.

And it was worth the wait.

"Hero's" beauty is simply hypnotic. Director Yimou Zhang's flair for the visually astounding jumps out at the audience in every scene. He leads his audience outside the boundaries of reality to show them a world of striking colors and gravity-defying swordplay. The director allows none of China's landscapes go to waste when staging each dramatic match, and no two fights sequences in this film resemble each other.

"Hero" is set 2,200 years ago during the reign of King Qin, the emperor who constructed the Great Wall of China. Qin had a vision of uniting the seven kingdoms of China and forming one nation. It was a noble ideal, which he impressed on those who were not willing to submit to his rule. His

conquest made him many enemies, most notably Sky, Falling Snow and Broken Sword — three of the world's deadliest assassins.

The film stars Jet Li as Nameless, a quiet warrior who comes to inform the king he has killed the three assassins. From here, the movie unfolds largely through the use of flashback segments, where the story is told and retold, each time revealing more truth than the last.

His technique is surprisingly effective in telling the story. It is an interesting mix between the ancient story line and the contemporary way it is revealed. Often, filmmakers appear to use their filming style without real reason. In this film, the way the story is told enhances it and creates an impact that the story alone is incapable of producing.

At times, my American taste desired an increase in the film's pace, because most of this movie lies outside of the action. There is plenty of swordplay to be sure, but

there is a real story here also. It is a story of love, of passion for one's nation and serving the greater good. In short, this is not an American action film.

Li comes through with a great performance, and the rest of the cast follows. The movie is presented in Chinese with English subtitles, which may turn some viewers away but adds to the rich feel of the movie.

"Hero" is a visual treat, which overflows with a passion in its making. It is a film that any fan of the genre needs to experience on the big screen. ■



★★★★ 4/4

■ Jet Li, Tony Leung Chiu Wai, Maggie Cheung, Ziyi Zhang, Daoming Chen, Donnie Yen

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Harding's menu for entertainment outside the campus borders

MUSIC

Tantric

This heavy metal band will light up Juanita's Entertainment in Little Rock Sept. 13. They are touring with popular Christian rock artists '12 Stones.' The show begins at 8 p.m., and tickets cost \$13 if purchased in advance or \$15 the day of the show. Only adults 18 or older are allowed to visit Juanita's. To learn more visit www.juanitas.com.

Usher

R&B superstar Usher will be in Memphis at the FedExForum Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets will go on sale to the general public Friday at 10 a.m. The Truth Tour is presented by MTV, and ticket prices range from \$45 to \$57.75. You can buy tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Memphis Symphony Orchestra

The Memphis Symphony Orchestra performs Sunday, Sept. 12, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts. The orchestra will perform Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring." Ticket prices start at \$10 and climb as high as \$80 per seat. See www.memphissymphony.com for more information.

COMEDY

Margaret Cho

Comedian Margaret Cho will

be at the Orpheum in Memphis today at 8 p.m. Her biting political commentaries and hilarious routines make her a big attraction across the country. Tickets sell for between \$29.50 and \$39.50.

SPORTS

Memphis Redbirds

The Memphis Redbirds host the Iowa Cubs four nights in a row next weekend.

The team plays Thursday, Sept. 15, and Friday, Sept. 16, at 7:05 p.m. Saturday's game is at 6:05 p.m., and Sunday's game begins at 2:05 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$17. Visit www.memphisredbirds.com for more information.

THEATER

'Charlotte's Web'

With the help of his friend Charlotte, a kindly barn spider, Wilbur the piglet experiences the true meaning of responsibility, friendship and loyalty in this heart-warming barnyard adventure. A family classic by E.B. White, "Charlotte's Web" will perform Sept. 16-Oct. 3 at the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays. The admission price to all shows is \$14.

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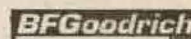
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The Bison recognizes its responsibility to be accurate, fair and objective in its reporting while upholding the Christian ideals for which Harding University exists.

It attempts to serve as a forum for student perspectives, welcoming letters to the editor, which adhere to ethical and professional standards and are no more than 300 words in length.

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Learning from a life well lived

Christian singer Nichole Nordeman in her song, "Legacy," sings, "I want to leave a legacy. How will they remember me? Did I choose to love? Did I point to You enough? To make a mark on things, I want to leave an offering. A child of mercy and grace who blessed your name unapologetically and leave that kind of legacy."

I never thought much of this song until Steven Profaizer, editor-in-chief of the *Bison*, asked me to write the memorial for Barby Smith about two weeks ago.

This task seemed daunting and impossible at first. After all, she was Barby. And whether she knew it or not, she influenced almost every person currently enrolled or working at Harding and all those who have come before us for the past 20 years. Let's not forget the thousands upon thousands she influenced throughout the world.

I didn't want to do it. How could I sum up this woman's life in three pages? This was too much pressure for me to handle. As her family members kept saying — with confidence in my ability to write this story — I had big shoes to fill with just a few column inches of newsprint.

I couldn't get out of it though. So I started interviewing people. I talked to

In my quest for the right words to honor this woman, God used her again. While discovering her life, mine was changed.

President David Burks. I talked to Kay Gowen, editor of the Church and Family magazine. Then I started talking to those who loved her most.

While interviewing Dwight Smith, Barby's husband, for this story, Nordeman's song popped into my head. We are going to remember Barby for her devotion to people and to the Lord.

She has left the kind of legacy that honors God.

In my quest for the right words to honor this woman, God used her again.

While discovering her life, mine was changed. Listening to the stories of her purpose-driven life, I realized something has got to change in my lack-of-purpose-driven life.

Barby always tried to do the right thing. She loved everyone. She rarely judged people. Everything Barby did, she did be-

cause of God.

Her grandson, senior Hunter Valls, said to me in an interview, "[My grandparents] cared about their grand kids; they cared about their kids; they cared about the people in Scotland; and they cared about working for Christ. Nothing ever got in the way of that."

Thank you Hunter for those words. If nothing ever got in the way of your



RENEE LEWIS

Just Ramble

grandmother's relationship with Christ, I can certainly strive for the same. I thought after my interview with Hunter that Barby and I are the same. Although Barby's faults were a lot fewer than mine, I can still strive to look at people the way Barby did; I can still look at people through the eyes of Jesus. I still have time to let God use me to build a legacy for Him.

Thank you Dwight and Barby for inspiring us all to leave a legacy. Thanks be to God, especially, for changing my life and so many others through this one woman. Even through her death, people are still coming to know God and know Him even better than they used to.

I want to leave my mark on things. Not for my writing. Not for my schoolwork. Not for anything but blessing His name unapologetically.

I desire to leave that kind of legacy.

RENEE LEWIS is a staff writer for the *Bison*. She can be reached at 279-4139 or relewis@harding.edu.

Building bridges of peace in our lives

Student Association president shares hopes, dreams for school year

The Student Association's theme for this year, Building Bridges, could be summarized in one word: peace.

Now, I'm not talking about the shallow connotation of peace adopted by society in the late 1960s. Please, do not accuse me of endorsing any sort of contemporary hippy movement.

I could never promote any such movement for several reasons.

First, although I can rock out to a mean "air guitar," my actual guitar skills need some major work.

Second, if my hair gets longer than an inch, it doesn't look "far out." Instead, it looks like one of America's finest oil reserves.

Finally, I'm a computer engineer major. My type of people generally does not have any emotion and could care less about starting such a frivolous, touchy-feely movement.

No, the peace to which I am referring is the same that Jesus Christ mentioned when he said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God (Matt. 5:9)."

Out of the list of the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, this is the only one that promises that we shall be "sons of God," that we shall be equated to the same level as God himself. The reason for this phenomenal promise is simple: to be like God is to be a peacemaker.

Our God himself built the ultimate bridge of peace at a time when "[we] were alienated from God and were enemies in [our] minds because of [our] evil behavior. But now He has reconciled [us] by Christ's physical body, through death, to present [us] holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation (Colossians 1:21-22)."

The blood of Jesus Christ was powerful enough to transcend the guilt of every man in order to lift each one up, not as a criminal, but as a child.

As the Harding family, may we never

As the Harding family, may we never cheapen the blood of Christ by not allowing it to transcend superficial barriers among us and reconcile us to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.



JIMMY HUFF

Guest Room

cheapen the blood of Christ by not allowing it to transcend superficial barriers among us and reconcile us to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

As a SA, we are passionate about responding to God's love by building bridges this year.

Some of the most critical bridges in the Harding family are the bridges among students. Any event sponsored by the SA this year will focus on constructing these bridges.

As announced in chapel Sept. 2, this year we are starting the Harding University Dorm Cup contest, co-sponsored by Student Services.

We are looking forward to this inter-dorm competition promoting a sense of community in the residence halls in a fun-filled, competitive way.

In order to unify us in the cause of school spirit, the SA has instituted a new committee this year, the School Spirit Committee, which will be responsible for creating an atmosphere at athletic events that involves student fans as more than a spectator, but as a part of the game.

Throughout the year, we will have pre-game and halftime events that exclusively involve students.

In the case of football, this could have been seen Aug. 28 in the new student section, the Stampede, which many of you made a success.

Finally, at the end of the year, we

will have for the entire Harding family a men's retreat at the World Village at Camp Tahkohdah and a women's retreat at the main campgrounds at Camp Tahkohdah.

These retreats will give all of us a chance to reinforce the bridges that Christ has built among us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

The SA is reaching out to the local churches by including their participation with us in the Feb. 23 Day of Service.

In addition to showing appreciation to the community of Searcy, our aim is that we may also unite with our local Christian brothers and sisters through participating in service projects together.

As I've been working with these congregations this summer, I want to relay to you the degree of enthusiasm our local Christian brothers and sisters express about participating with us as a Harding family in showing appreciation to the community of Searcy.

The SA wants to serve you by building bridges between students and faculty, staff and administration.

We are very accessible at our new office, located at the back of the student center, a more convenient location for everybody.

However, we will also be available to you in the dorms, the cafeteria and other places outside the Student Life office. The SA thrives on student ideas and input and is excited about being your voice.

Finally, if there is any way I can be of assistance to you, please contact me at 279-4090. I will be in my office from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

My prayers are daily with all of us this year, that we may emulate our Father by binding ourselves to each other through Him, in the true spirit of building bridges.

JIMMY HUFF is the 2004-2005 Student Association president. He may be reached at 279-4090 or at jlhuff@harding.edu.



2000 YEARS, AND STILL NO ROOM AT THE INN...

Double standards

Groups crying for tolerance should extend same courtesy

CNN recently decided not to run a political advertisement created by the largest organization of homosexual republicans, which called for "tolerance" from the Republican Party.

The network based its decision off a single image in the 30-second commercial – a picture of a Baptist minister holding two signs that say "God hates [gays]" as he protested at a murdered 21-year-old homosexual's funeral.

It was a picture of hate and intolerance.

However, the group, Log Cabin Republicans, tried to equate this act with the act of taking a stand against gay marriage. It refused to air the commercial without the image in question as CNN offered.

Gay rights groups across the nation are claiming intolerance in an attempt to liken their struggle to the fight for racial equality and defame anyone who stands against them.

Christians are called to stand up for what they believe and not stand by as their nation heads deeper into sin. And let's face it – we're trying to make up for lost time.

Christians have largely sat by and watched homosexuality take hold of this country over the last 20 years. It is only now, when major court decisions are increasing gay rights to include marriage, that churches are coming together and actively denouncing it to the nation.

In President Bush's Sept. 2 speech accepting his party's nomination, he again stated his intention to pass a Federal Marriage Amendment.

"Because the union of a man and woman deserves an honored place in our society, I support the protection of marriage against activist judges. I will continue to appoint federal judges who know the difference between personal opinion and the strict interpretation of the law," Bush said.

It is this statement and the moral code found in scriptures supporting it that the Log Cabin Republicans want Americans to see as intolerant.

Gay activists have their right to protest the current laws, to challenge the courts and to strive for change in our country. And Christians have the right to attempt to lead the country along the path ordained by God.

Calling republicans, democrats and/or Christians intolerant for representing their beliefs in court, in congress and in the voting booth is in its very nature an act of intolerance.

Christians are called to live by different standards than the rest of the world. It is our responsibility to represent the principles of God on earth – and intolerant should never be confused with principled.

STEVEN PROFAIZER



Editor's Note

Before we get started

Well, they were fun while they lasted. But, like so many good things in life, I never truly appreciated them until they were gone.

And now, as I gaze into my future and see no sign of upcoming summer breaks, I am afraid.

Despite the efforts of a small prayer group, God has apparently made the executive decision to stay the rapture and allow classes to return to full swing. And following on the heels of a new semester, is, of course, the return of the *Bison*.

For those not familiar with this publication, we are a student-run newspaper specializing in telling you the stories you want to hear and giving you the information you need to know.

As we present to you the first issue of the *Bison's* 80th year, there are a few things you need to understand.

First of all, you, along with your fellow readers, are essential to this paper.

After all, we already learned everything you're reading today – we write this paper for you. The *Bison* is your newspaper, and we want you to like it. Please, let us know if there is something we can do to improve our coverage for you.

The second thing you need understand is that we strive to be an open-forum in which all students, faculty, administrators and people from the community can interact.

We welcome submissions through guest columns and letters to the editor. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to be heard. Each week, we will print a selection of the items we receive, and while we do not have room to run everything submitted, the editorial staff will read every letter and column you send us.

While we're on the subject, please sign your letters. It is against our policy to run any letter without a name and contact phone number to verify you wrote it.

The only unsigned piece of work we will run in this paper is the editorial that appears to the left of this column. This editorial represents the view of the staff as a whole.

Third, be respectful of other people's views. If you read a letter or column, or story for that matter, that is the most infuriating collection of written words you have ever beheld, let us know. Just be nice.

Fourth and finally, accept the staff for what it is – human. We have carefully checked every word in this paper, but sometimes, mistakes will get through. If you find an error, factual or otherwise, let us know. But if you do, just don't forget thing-you-need-to-understand number 4.

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TALK BACK

If you had the power, what would you add to campus to improve everyday life?



"I would add a golf cart rent-a-center, so I wouldn't have to walk to all my classes. Then I could blame being late [to class] on traffic jams."

— Morgan Carnley, sophomore



"I would like to have student access to a local golf course in the city limits, so I could play golf."

— Ian Smith, senior



"I would put in a multi-leveled parking garage by the girls' dorms, so I could find a place to park my car when I get one."

— Lauren Moody, junior



"I would put in some Coca-Cola drink machines, because Coke is way better than Pepsi."

— Derek Russell, junior

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FOR THE RECORD

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MEN'S SOCCER >> 0-2

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WOMEN'S SOCCER >> 3-1

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VOLLEYBALL >> 5-2

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Harding 3, Lincoln Christian 0	(30-16, 30-22, 30-21)

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Montana St. Billings 3, Harding 0	(14-30, 28-30, 26-30)
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Intramural information goes online

ALEXIS OLIVER
Student reporter

The process for club members to obtain information about club sports will be made easier this fall by the intramural staff.

In the past, club sports participants had to check their club boxes, wait for a club meeting, or look at the club sports board in the student center in order to find out game schedules and winner brackets.

The intramural staff is now posting schedules on Pipeline to make it possible for club members to check times, locations and other information at their convenience.

Intramural officials hope to start having some of the sports

available on Pipeline this fall and all the spring sports listed starting in January.

"The club athletic directors will still have to call in the number of teams for their clubs like they have done in the past, but club players will have their schedules and winner brackets available for them to view at any time," Lindsay Trotter, intramural secretary, said.

Officials say this change will be beneficial to the club players in that they will not have to leave the comfort of their homes or dorm rooms to check their schedules.

"Because of my recent ACL injury, it will make it better for me to check the internet for my club's status thereby keeping me off my knee during recovery," senior Jay Caldwell said.

Caldwell has been playing club sports for Gamma Sigma Phi all four years he has been at Harding.

He said he believes it will benefit everyone who is involved in club sports.

"Not only will this affect club sports, it is also going to affect the intramural sports program as well," Trotter said.

Intramural sports have always had sign-ups in the student center for individual sports events for men and women.

The intramural staff hopes to eventually post online sign-ups for individual men's and women's sports along with the schedules of the students' playing times.

"I think it is great because it makes it a whole lot simpler to remember to sign up for the sports you want to play," sophomore Matthew Hewes said.

Even if Pipeline is inaccessible, athletes will still be able to check information and schedules in the student center on the club and intramural sports cases, officials said. ■

American basketball not what it used to be

To coaches and basketball purists such as myself, "street ball" is a form of basketball that would be better off forgotten. As I watch "street ball," I observe that most of the players are highly skilled, extremely athletic and more than capable of playing "good" basketball. However, being a basketball "purist", I am not particularly entertained by such an undisciplined, unorthodox style of the game. To me, it is not real basketball.

When George Karl coached the U.S. basketball team in the World Championships, the team entered as the overwhelming favorites.

During the preliminary rounds, the U.S. team lived up to the expectations, breezing through the first five games of the tournament undefeated.

In the final game of the preliminary rounds, Argentina shocked the United States by a score of 87-80. This was the first time a U.S. basketball team, loaded with NBA all-stars such as Ben Wallace, Paul Pierce, Jer-

Perhaps like a lot of other basketball fans in this country, I was in denial over what had happened.

Like the rest of the world, including the Argentine players themselves, who celebrated wildly at midcourt at the conclusion of the game, I was completely shocked.

Unfortunately for the American team, this loss to Argentina was only the beginning, as they would go on to lose both medal-round games to Yugoslavia and Spain and ended up taking sixth place.

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I had not completely figured out what to make of the U.S. team's poor showing in the World Championships, but I was certain that things would be different in 2004, and that our team would win Olympic gold.

Fast forward to the 2004 Olympics. Surely the U.S. team, with superstars like Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson, LeBron James and Stephon Marbury on the court, would make a better showing than they did in the 2002 World Championships.

They would take home the



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gold medal this time, right?

Unfortunately for the team and their fans, the gold medal in basketball did not come home to the United States this year.

Shocked by a lightly-regarded Puerto Rico team in its first game, the U.S. team would go on to lose a total of three games.

They did win the final game, against Lithuania, to salvage a little bit of pride and take home the bronze medal, but that was far from enough for most of the fans back home.

Unlike in 2002, I was not completely surprised at what had happened. However, I was certainly disappointed that the U.S. team did not return to its past dominance.

Sports journalists, coaches and fans are assessing the state of the game of basketball in our country and trying to figure out just how it is that our national basketball team could lose yet again in international competition. Have the international players and teams caught up?

I just cannot believe that they have.

Sure, they have improved dramatically over the past decade, and the days of the United States blowing everyone out are probably gone forever, but the United States still has the best, most talented and athletic players in the world.

The formula is pretty simple; a little less "street ball," and a return to the fundamentals and team concepts employed by our first "Dream Team," and our international counterparts.

I will close by offering a suggestion: Take a page out of Larry Brown's book, and stress at every level, the importance of playing basketball "the right way."

Do your best to make certain that when the basketball playing youth of our country decide to emulate a basketball player, his name will be an Isaiah Thomas, a Magic Johnson, a Larry Bird, a Michael Jordan — guys that understand the true game.

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TAKING HER DAYS

ONE FRAME AT A TIME

Photographer focuses on finding unusual student life snapshots

I see photos. I see them everywhere. As the *Bison* photographer, I am constantly on the lookout for a great shot for the paper, or even just for my own enjoyment. Some of you might have seen me around.

For those of you who have not, I'm the one with the camera attached to my face, hiding behind trees and lurking about in the shadows, searching for that perfect photo.

There's no rhyme or reason to what makes a great photo. Most of the time it is pure chance and a quick shutter finger, but other times it is planning, ingenuity and sometimes even stalking.

Yes, I said stalking. I have been known to follow someone around who catches my eye and snap away until I capture the perfect shot.

Someone once asked me if I was embarrassed because people stare at me.

"No," I replied. "I just stare back at them through my viewfinder."



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To See and Be Seen

... I'm the one with the camera attached to my face, hiding behind trees and lurking about in the shadows, searching for that perfect photo.

This year, to celebrate my absolute willingness to go to any length for a quality photo, there is a new page being added to the *Bison*.

Each week, on the back page, you will find the "Through The Lens" page. It will be filled with photos that tell a story, along with a bit of copy to keep your mind stimulated. Some may think this is an easy task, or that ideas just pop into my head and I run right out to take my photos. Unfortunately for me, it is much more difficult than that.

For the first "Through The Lens" page, I had no idea what to do. I wanted to do something totally and completely awesome, but nothing came to me. So I decided to let my lens guide the way, and I started snapping.

I crept, tiptoed, dashed and, yes, I even stalked a few of you.

Senior Larry Holliman, and juniors Trent Floyd and Myles Turney cheer on the Bisons during their first home game of the season against Southwest Baptist Aug. 28. In an effort to get more student support, the Student Association sponsored the Bison Stampede.



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Juniors Jodie Beth Roberts and Dee Horn glide down the slip-n-slide as freshman Michael Pruitt and junior James Brown follow close behind during an energy group session Aug. 20. Energy group 14 made the most of its time during the longest breakout session of Student Impact, the freshman and transfer orientation program at the beginning of the semester.

I did all this just to get a few quality photos for the sole purpose of your enjoyment.

What I finally managed to capture was the first few weeks at Harding as seen through my viewfinder.

I took photos on the front lawn, in the student center, during chapel and even at a giant slip-n-slide party.

Most people were more than willing to oblige when I popped their personal bubbles with my hulk of a camera and zoom lens to match. Some even perked up and put on a show whenever I swung it in their direction. A few turned and ran.

I was lucky enough to capture a few of the moments I believe make up the heart and soul of this university – people interacting, building friendships and getting an education, all of which give off a general feeling of "camaraderie" around campus.

I find having a photographer's eye is an advantage. You should take a moment to look around the next time you are walking across campus.

See what I see.

Create your own viewfinder with your thumbs and index fingers if that is what it takes.

Though it is doubtful you would get the same effect, you would surely receive a few odd glances in your direction that are very similar to what I often get.

There is a lot going on around this campus that goes unnoticed and unappreciated.

Harding really is all it is cracked up to be. Even I can see it, and I always have a camera to my face.

Throughout the year, I hope I will be able to bring you a weekly dose of the Harding bubble seen through my eyes – the eyes of an obsessed photographer. *

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